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Brown clarifies possible Madison Sports Complex development

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Now that a plan to build a Madison sports complex has been released to the public, Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison Executive Manager Dan Brown wants people to know that none of it is a done deal.

"We are waiting for the city to commit," said Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison Executive Manager Dan Brown. "They are attempting to secure funding to develop the fields."

The plans for the sports complex have been ongoing. For five months, what is known as the "The City of Madison Work Group," the informal default name of the group, have been meeting monthly to discuss the development and progress to move it forward.

"I want to emphasize that all of this is just planning. All we're doing is planning in a smart manner," Brown said. "We want to have a cooked product - everything ready for the (Ho-Chunk) Legislature so they can have everything ready and all questions answered, making a decision will be easier."

If the complex were to be devel-

oped, it would be done in phases.

Phase one would include casino expansion, construction of a hotel, parking ramp, a conference center, and a Heritage Center.

If the concept would come into fruition, it would be a win-win for both the city and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

"It would be a regional destination attraction," Brown said. "People would come from miles around to use the facilities, perhaps for a regional meet, an invitational or playoff and championship games. The economy of the area grows from such events."

No dollar figures for such a facilities have been nailed down, but that will come as the studies are developed.

"We're not going to do anything unless the city decides to go forward with it," he said.

If it can go forward as designed, the Heritage Center will be more than a static display museum. It will consist of more interactive displays that both educate and hold their attentions.

Before any work could begin, the Ho-Chunk land would have to be rezoned. Then, if the sports complex plan would not be approved, at least the rezoning would be conducive for future development of any kind.

"That will be a victory for the Ho-Chunk Nation - that it will be zoned. Right now it's zoned for agriculture," Brown said.

One of the future projects, off in the far distance, is an entertainment complex that will seat between 4,000 and 5,000 people.

"We're not there yet," Brown said.

Discussions of a Ho-Chunk Cultural Center have been ongoing for several years, with a location still undecided. But if it were in Madison, Brown said. It could be central to the Madison community and help



An architect's rendering of the proposed Madison Sports Complex shows an indoor sports facility, a retail and entertainment complex, and a Heritage Center situated on Ho-Chunk property next to the present Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison casino. On adjacent property, a golf course owned by the city of Madison, outdoor sport fields would be positioned.

educate residents and visitors of the Ho-Chunk history in the area.

"So many people only equate the Ho-Chunk people with casinos. The Cultural Center would help them get past that stereotype and allow them to see that we are original inhabitants of the area and that our culture is the key ingredient to who we are."

The development project includes 47.75 acres of undeveloped land belonging to the Ho-Chunk Nation and part of an adjacent golf course belonging to the city of Madison.

New development in Madison has been moving east, which puts us in a perfect position for this concept, Brown said.

"There are no expectations and no investment so far," Brown said.

According to the plans, all the indoor facilities would be situated on Ho-Chunk property while 12 contiguous outdoor fields to be constructed on part of the Yahara Hills Golf Course, which is managed by the Madison Parks Department. The outdoor facilities could

be used for sporting events such as baseball, soccer, track, lacrosse, rugby, and football.

But in no way will it compete with present sports facilities in Madison, such as the Kohl Center and the Alliant Energy Center. Instead, it would fill a niche that is greatly in demand, Brown said.

The City of Madison Work Group consists of representatives from the Parks and Planning Commission, the City Engineer, and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Many of the Madison elected representatives are involved with the planning as well, which is needed for the city to secure financing.

"Alderpersion Denise DeMarb has been very supportive of the effort to develop the sports complex," he said.

In the work group, separate firms have been selected to conduct a feasibility studies for the combined sports complex.

"But we won't go forward with the studies until we get a commitment from the city," he said.

If all the pieces start to fit together and genuine progress is made on the plans to

develop the property into a sports complex and Heritage Center, the land could be rezoned this spring and it is possible groundbreaking could occur as early as 2017.

But, in the end, nothing will move forward until the city of Madison and the Ho-Chunk people agree upon the venture.

"It's their decisions," he said. "We're just presenting the options."



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Hoocak Academy to begin new programs for language instruction

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There was a need to revitalize and restructure the Ho-Chunk language community classes and the Hoocak Academy was made to make that happen.

To meet that need, the Ho-Chunk Language Division has created the “Hoocak Academy,” designed to teach the language in a structured environment as well as implementing culture into the classroom.

“To make sure the program is successful, we need to develop an assessment evaluation, as well as implement our cultural values or simply to have respect for our language and how we instruct,” interim Hoocak Academy Manager Angelica Greendeer said. “We’ve never had proficiency standards before. This is something new but we need to try it and go from there.”

Registration for the classes begins on January 5th and will continue until January 22. Classes begin on February 2. A new Web site is being developed for the Hoocak Academy and registration can be completed online, by phone or in person.

“It’s brand new,” Greendeer said. “We’ve had community classes, but the problem is retention. With this new format, our goal is retention within the program and student/instructor success.”

The Hoocak Academy is a community outreach program designed to teach Ho-Chunk tribal members the Hoocak language.

The foundation of Hoocak Academy has been in the development stages for several months, working to create Hoocak Academy’s vision and then implementing it into the community classes for the year. The development of retention planning for community classes has been underway. They will be utilizing instructor experience, technol-

ogy and modern strategies to build retention to the community. Most importantly, they will look at ways to include cultural aspect within the program.

The problem with language instruction, according to the Greendeer, is that there are few instructors compared to the Ho-Chunk population. With four “Instructor 1”s, the population to instructor ratio is about 1,750 to 1.



The Language Division building north of Mauston, along Highway 58, is the base of operations for Ho-Chunk language instruction, which provides includes many language teachers to community schools.

“We are working to bridge the gap as much as possible, but for now, we can only do so much. Eventually we will get to the point where we’ll have many instructors and can accommodate more community needs,” Greendeer said.

The Hoocak Academy will be offering three types of classes available to the community. When a student wants to enroll into a class, the Hoocak Academy will call each class a “program.” Therefore, each student will have to enroll into a program. Each class is tailored to meet different schedules and learning styles.

“It’s important that the Hoocak Academy keeps track of each student and what program he or she has enrolled in. Therefore, we can tailor each program according to classroom hours and assist in student success within each program,” Greendeer said.

The Pathway Accelerated Program is an evening course in which students meet for 1.5 hours three times per week for 12 weeks. This course layout is designed for dedicated learners who want to engage in a more classroom style setting. The classes are offered by a Hoocak Academy instructor and an Eminent Speaker.

The Pathway Program is a course in which the participants meet during the day for one hour, three times per week, for nine weeks. This course is designed to move at a fast pace and is offered by a Hoocak Academy instructor and an Eminent Speaker.

The Direct Response Session will be offered for two hours per day Tuesday through Thursday. These classes will offer tutoring for

both Pathway Accelerated Class and Pathway Class participants. The classes are offered by the Hoocak Academy instructors.

They are presently working on policies and a student handbook, in which the expectations for the students and instructors are clearly defined.

“We expect to be as consistent as possible,” she said.

They will use a number of techniques, communication, white boards and handouts to help with instruction. They hope to implement social media in this endeavor, and they have developed an email account to handle all correspondence for the Academy: HoocakAcademy@Ho-Chunk.com.

The classes are being planned in Wisconsin Dells, Tomah and Black River Falls, with specific locations depending on the course.

Besides language courses in the three communities, Greendeer wants to provide instruction to people who live outside those areas.

“We need to develop an online class,” Greendeer said. “We have a lot of tribal members who would like to attend a class but due to time scheduling and location, they’re unable to. Therefore, we need to look into the future and work on creating online classes.”



Instructor 1 Dana DeBoer and interim Manager Angelica Greendeer stand in front of the Language Division building in Mauston. They will be part of a new program to develop fluent speakers in the Ho-Chunk language.

But just learning the language is not enough, she said. We need to use the language every day in everyday settings.

For now, the Hoocak Academy is a good start into developing a solid basis of learning. From the courses, other avenues can be developed.

Once participants complete the courses, Greendeer plans to present each with a certificate and a gift.

“I would like to have an event that combines the three areas for those people who

completed the program. We could provide a reward for them,” Greendeer said.

Instructors have been designated for certain areas and will have their own style and method of teaching And each of them are dedicated to seeing the students succeed.

“It will be really good for them to see the students’ progression,” said Hoocak Language Instructor 1 Dana DeBoer



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- *Pathway Accelerated Program: Community Room at the F&M Bank**
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6pm - 7:30pm
12 week course
- *Direct Response Sessions: Aahuco (Blue Wing Building)**
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1pm - 3pm
Program Tutoring

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Young Ho-Chunk leaders shine in Goja Howaite Hi

by Jessie Conaway, Earth Partnership Indigenous Arts & Sciences Program and Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies; Michelle R. Cloud, Culture & Community Education Division Manager, HCN Department of Education

Ho-Chunk and University of Wisconsin Earth Partnership Indigenous Arts and Sciences Program partnered to offer Goja Howaite Hi, a week long eco-culture camp for Ho-Chunk youth. Goja Howaite Hi is “Going on Continuously,” describing Ho-Chunk traditions of sustainability and the resilience of the People.

The week of August 10, twelve high school youth participated from Black River Falls, Tomah, Wisconsin Rapids, and Eau Claire. At the majestic hilltop Whirling Thunder Farm south of Tomah, Woody White opened our camp with a prayer and a blessing. The youth introduced themselves in Ho-Chunk language. Woody emphasized the importance of traditional agriculture for Ho-Chunk people. We talked together about caring for land and water, and introduced the service projects that participants would be completing for Ho-Chunk communities.

Woody oriented us to the lay of the land, and we learned about blooming native plants, and medicinal and edible wild plants.

Focus areas of this workshop were organic agriculture and permaculture, and land and water stewardship. The group did fieldwork trips in the Kickapoo Valley for an extensive tour of Organic Valley projects, including biodiesel crops and processing, and transitioning lands to organic production. During our visit to a site where Organic Valley and the HCN collaborate on crop and land management, we saw a humongous eagle which took off soaring when the group arrived!

Four Native high school youth from the Madison School District Title VII AISES Program (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) joined us for the fieldwork in Kickapoo. These young leaders, who have participated in Indigenous Arts and Sciences Institutes since 2012, served as mentors and taught a series of activities called “Ecosystem Comparisons” throughout the day. Ho Chunk Nation Divisions of Natural Resources (HCN DNR) and Environmental Health showcased their prairie project in the Kickapoo Val-

ley, and the Madison youth guided activities observing and comparing the prairie with woodland ecosystems. We hiked up Blackhawk Bluff, soaking up the sunshine and the beautiful views of the valley. We completed surveys in the upland forest, and wrapped up our learning with discussion of plant adaptations.

HCN DNR helped set up a world class campout—we had three fire pits and a view of the river dells where Weister Creek joins the Kickapoo River. A clear night made for great campfires for hotdogs and s’mores, and a dome of glistening stars, including the Perseid meteor shower!

On Wednesday we focused on Ni, water, and did water monitoring on Weister Creek and the Kickapoo. HCN Division of Environmental Health facilitated macroinvertebrate and fish sampling to teach about water quality. The youth sampled with large nets—we caught crayfish, minnows, dragonfly and stonefly nymphs, and caddis flies.

We also did fish sampling—Division of Environmental Health did a demo of fish shocking, and the youth practiced catching fish with a seine net!

After we completed our water monitoring, we set out on a canoe trip for the afternoon. This was a good wrap-up for our day dedicated to Ni. Water stewardship activities and canoe exploration provided educational, enjoyable opportunities for HCN youth to experience the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, whose land and water are managed in partnership by the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin.

The HCN youth that participated in Goja Howaite Hi designed service learning projects that they will be completing over the coming school year. Projects at Whirling Thunder Farm include: establishing walking trails, building ciporokes, and establishing a pond buffer garden to protect the water in the ravine. One participant will be working with HCN DNR on outreach and education about the elk restoration project. Before we wrapped up our



Woody White identifies an edible plant with student Gabriella Brinegar.



Randy Poelma demonstrates fish shocking to the check on the health of the fish.

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Photos from 2015 Goja Howaite Hi

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week, we worked together to plant a pollinator garden next to Woody’s corn and potatoes. When we finished, a storm came rolling in to water our work!

Educational and natural resource leaders that work for the tribe emphasized the importance of committing to working for the People and the land and water that sustains Ho-Chunk communities. The team teaching approach to the eco-culture camp was a success. These awesome young people committed to incorporating what they learned about their lands and culture into their everyday lives. Many of them are high school seniors this year, so they are setting their sights on undergraduate majors and careers that involve sciences, sustainable business, natural resources and sustainable ag-

riculture.

Multiple Ho-Chunk departments and divisions teamed up with UW for this effort. Ho-Chunk Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Health, Culture & Community Education, School-Community Relations, Higher Education, and Youth Services all contributed to making this happen! From UW we had staff from the Arboretum Earth Partnership Indigenous Arts and Sciences Program and the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. Funding support came from the UW-Madison Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment. Pinagigiwi to the design and instructor team, and the families that participated in this excellent week!

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Christmas party at Ho-Chunk Social Services

A Christmas party was provided to families at the Ho-Chunk Social Services building on Saturday, December 18. Guests of honor were former Green Bay Packer players Santana Dotson and Gilbert Brown, who handed out gifts to children and posed for a few pictures with their fans.



Youth and Family College Expo to make the selection easier

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The annual Ho-Chunk Youth and Family College Expo has a slightly different twist this year, designed to provide the information necessary for selecting a college or university.

“This year, we’re focusing on high-demand fields,” said Carla Nichols, recruitment/pre-college advisor with Ho Chunk Nation Higher Education. “Previously it was hodge-podge of career fields.”

The event begins at 11 a.m. with registration, with activities running from noon to 4 p.m. in the atrium of the Ho-Chunk Executive Office in Black River Falls.

Some of the fields planned to be presented include marketing, accounting, nursing, natural resources, education, health sciences and Native American student services.

“This year we’re going to gear the college fair for students in sixth through twelfth grade,” Nichols said.

Besides being able to visit booths staffed by representatives from Wisconsin public and private colleges and universities, four workshops will be offered at different times, making it possible for people to attend all four during the day.

Meals and snacks will be available, as well as giveaways and memorabilia from the colleges and universities.

“Ho-Chunk Youth Services has been an excellent partner,” said Higher Education Division Director Marcus Lewis. “But we are reaching out to more youth than just from the youth centers. We are sending out postcards to parents, encouraging them to bring their kids. Last year, we had parents and their children come from places like Rice Lake and between Madison and Milwaukee.”

To help defray the costs of driving to the event, drawings will be held for gas cards for the parents.

Besides information on careers and individual colleges and universities, information on summer camps will be provided through the Ho-Chunk Nation and the colleges. The summer camps help to acclimate the student to college life.

“That’s one of the larger struggles,” Lewis said. “They want to go to college, but they don’t know what that means. The camp is demystifying, so they say, ‘Hey, I can live here.’”

Higher Education booths will be situated in the lower and upper floors of the atrium, plus in the Legislative Conference Room. Representatives from 10 colleges, both two- and four-year, have committed to attending.

“We average 50 to 60 kids, but we would love to grow to 100 or more,” Lewis said. “I promise it will be worth the trip.”

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Wisconsin Badgers fall to 7-5 after loss to Marquette Golden Eagles

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Editor

The growing pains continue for the 2015-2016 Wisconsin Badgers men's basketball team that features two Ho-Chunk tribal members, Bronson Koenig and Will Decorah. On Saturday, December 12, the Badgers lost by 2 points to in-state rival, the Marquette Golden Eagles. Marquette has an Oneida tribal member, Sandy Cohen III on their starting line-up.

The game started out slow

for both team, until Marquette's Henry Ellenson made a layup. One the Badgers next possession, Ethan Happ answered back with a layup of his own.

Oneida tribal member Sandy Cohen III drove the lane to up Marquette back up on top. Vitto Brown hits a jumper to tie the game back up at 4-4. Marquette's Luke Fischer hits a jumper, but Happ make another low post move and we are still tied at 6-6.

Then, Duane Wilson of

Marquette dunks in an offense rebound of a Haanif Cheatham miss layout. But Zak Showalter hits a 3 pointer. The score is now 9-8, with Wisconsin leading.

Bronson Koenig hits a jumper to make the score 11-12, Wisconsin is down by 1 point. Vitto Brown hits a couple open jump shots to put the Badgers up, 15-14.

Zak Showalter hits another 3 pointer, Badgers lead 21-19. Marquette's Duane Wilson gets to the free throw to tie the game. But Ethan Happ makes another layup down low.

Cohen III gets fouled and goes 1-2 from the line. Someone war hoops inside the Kohl Center. Cohen III hits a 3 pointer giving the Golden Eagles a two point lead, 25-23.

Nigel Hayes gets fouled by Cohen III, and goes 1-2 from the free throw line.

Marquette's Jajuan Johnson makes a layup. Hayes misses a 3 pointer and Charlie Thomas misses a layup for the Badgers.

Luke Fischer gets a dunk putting Marquette up 29-24 at the half.

Marquette's bench out-



When the Badgers played Marquette, a Ho-Chunk faced an Oneida on the court during a Division I NCAA basketball game. Bronson Koenig fouls Sandy Cohen III.



Bronson Koenig and the Wisconsin Badgers run out of time losing to in-state rival Marquette Golden Eagles 55-57 at the Kohl Center.

scored Wisconsin's bench 13-0 through the half. Marquette's Wilson and Johnson combined for 13 points off the bench.

Vitto Brown led all scorers with 9 points.

Cheatham and Fischer add a quick 6 points for Marquette to start the second half before Nigel Hayes adds two for the Badgers.

Fischer gets fouled and goes to the line, before Hayes,

Happ, and Brown get the Badgers offense going again. The Badgers are down, 32-39.

Ellenson and Fischer add a couple more points to put Marquette up, 43-32. Ellenson hits a 3 pointer, now the Golden Eagles are up by 14 points.

Vitto Brown converts down low, and Bronson Koenig hits a 3 pointer to get the Badgers within 9 points of Marquette.

Happ and Showalter make a couple layups, and Hayes nails a 3 point shot to trim the Marquette lead to 4 points.

Ellenson misses a layup but gets the tip in. Showalter hits a jumper before Cohen III gets fouled.

Happ makes a layup for the Badgers. Marquette's Wilson hits a jumper.

Bronson Koenig hits a clutch 3 pointer to get the Badgers within 2 points of Marquette, 51-53.

Vitto Brown hits a jump shot to tie the game, 55-55.

With 30 seconds left, Marquette's Ellenson shoots but misses. Fischer gets the tip-in bucket. Marquette is up 57-55.

Nigel Hayes had a layup to tie the game, but missed it. Showalter with the offensive rebound. Hayes misses a 3 pointer to put the Badgers on top, but missed again.

Final score, Marquette 57, Wisconsin 55.

The Marquette Golden Eagles shot 52% from the field, while Wisconsin only shot 36%. The Badgers rallied in the second half to tie the game at 55-55, but ran out of time.

"Our guys were pretty gritty. That poise they showed when Marquette had everything going for them that last 7-8 minutes. We got some turnovers. We got some good looks. Still in the end you come up short. Still a 40-minute game," said Badger Coach Bo Ryan.

The Badgers beat Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, 64-49, on Tuesday, December 15. Coach Ryan announced his retirement after the game. Assistant Coach Greg Gard was named interim head coach after Ryan's departure.

The Badgers and new head coach face another in-state rival UW-Green Bay on December 23 before heading into Big 10 conference play.

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Proposed legislation endangers effigy mounds

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Earlier in December State Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) and State Representative Robert Brooks (R-Saukville) introduced legislation that establishes a procedure for property owner’s to challenge the existence of human remains at burial sites.

If passed, the legislation proposed by Kapenga and Brooks would dismantle parts of the 1986 Wisconsin Burial Sites Protection Act. The Burial Sites Protection Act requires the director of the Wisconsin Historical Society to identify and record in a catalogue burial sites throughout the state. Once a burial site has been identified and catalogued it is protected from disturbance.

Existing effigy mounds throughout Wisconsin have been catalogued and given designation that disturbance is prohibited. The Wisconsin Historical Society reported that there are a total of 9,629 burial sites. 1,420 of the 9,629 have been catalogued by the society and they include ancient mound groups, family cemeteries, and active cemeteries.

Currently, the proposed legislation has not been heard on either floors of the senate nor the assembly, but it is being circulated among members of each house for co-sponsorship. The Wisconsin State

Legislature is on break and will reconvene on January 11, 2016.

Archaeologist Kurt Sampson states, the proposed legislation has “serious ramifications for prehistorical and historical preservation.” Sampson explained, at the time of early European contact there were estimated 25,000-35,000 effigy mounds. Over time it has been estimated that ninety percent of mounds have been destroyed by development or by natural overgrowth.



State Senator Chris Kapenga

On the flipside of preservation stands eager extraction companies such as Madison based companies Wingra Stone and Wingra Redi-Mix. Both companies provide construction aggregates and redi-mixed concrete to communities and customers in and around Madison.

The property owned by Wingra Stone and Wingra Redi-Mix since 1962 is locat-

ed north of McFarland, Wisconsin and contains the site known as the Ward Mound group which once contained seven effigy mounds, and today contains a bird effigy and remnants of a fox effigy.

The Ward Mound group in jeopardy sits atop rich limestone aggregate that Wingra Redi-Mix estimates a \$10-15 million profit. The legal battle between industrial interests and the Nation along with the Wisconsin Historical Society to excavate the Ward Mound group has been ongoing since 2010.

On December 16, Senator Kapenga held a town hall meeting at the Waukesha Public Library where the issue of his proposed legislation was vocalized by preservation advocates and Nation leadership.

During the meeting, District 2 Representative David Greendeer addressed Senator Kapenga, “Those mound sites are holy period, that’s it. We don’t desecrate holy things. I’m not going to go into a church and burn it down...this is a holy site, we didn’t have brick and mortar, we used what was around us because we have balance with nature.”

For interested tribal members; there will be a demonstration at the State Capitol building on January 12, 2016 from 1-3 p.m. Participation is encouraged and greatly appreciated.



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February 10, 2016. “The New Lunda Community Center Highlights”

10:30-11:30 a.m., Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room # 1, Black River Memorial Hospital

Speaker: Gavin Scray, Director of Lunda Community Center

The new Lunda Community Center will be a state-of-the-art facility providing fitness facilities, pool, activity rooms, group exercise programs, and more. Funded by the Lunda Family Foundation, it will also be the new home for the Boys & Girls Club and a new Senior Center.

March 9, 2016. “Savor the Flavor Eating Right—National Nutrition Month Celebration”

10:30-11:30 a.m., Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room # 1, Black River Memorial Hospital

Speaker: Ruth Lahmayer Chipps, MS, RDN, CD, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Black River Memorial Hospital. Coordinator of Healthy Living/Weight Management Programs at BRMH.

Explore new culinary ideas and taste-tests for preparing flavorful and nutritious foods that are plant-based options.

We welcome you to attend the Board Meetings following each monthly support group. We welcome your input, suggestions and ideas to make this group a continuing support for people with diabetes in Jackson County and beyond.

For Meeting Information
Call Sarah Osegard @ 715-284-3606

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Diabetes Basics Class Schedule for Black River Falls Group 00

All classes will be held in the Clinic Conference Room at the Ho-Chunk Healthcare Clinic

January 14th – 1:30-3:30 pm – Introduction, what is diabetes, diabetes treatment, physical activity

January 21st – 1:30-3:30 pm – Food plan and carb. counting

February 11th - 1:30-3:30 pm – Hypo and hyperglycemia, sick day management, diabetes success plan, food plan and alcohol, physical activity

March 10th – 1:30-3:30 pm– Managing and preventing complications with physical activity, chair exercise

April 14th – 1:30-3:30 pm – Diabetes changes over time, staying healthy for a lifetime, healthy feet, healthy heart, risk factors and heart health, blood fats and heart health, secrets of success

May 12th– 1:30-3:30 pm –Ups and downs of diabetes management, is your treatment plan working, managing stress, when life gets in the way, more on healthy eating, weight loss, keeping active, staying in charge of your diabetes.

June 9th – 1:30-3:30 pm – Diabetes conversation maps

Due to the length of the classes, make-ups will not be feasible. Please try to mark the classes in your schedule ahead of time. New classes start every other month so if you miss a scheduled class, you could attend another one. Ask staff for schedule.

An assessment must be completed before class so please contact us early for this appointment. Lab work may also need to be completed – it must have been done within 3 months of the start date of the class.

Please contact Rachel Montana if you are interested in this program. 715-284-9851, ext 5039

Wellbriety Talking Circle

Submitted by Laurie L. Duraney, LCSW

The Division of Behavioral Health is sponsoring a Fireside Wellbriety Talking Circle every Wednesday evening at the House of Wellness. The Talking Circle is an opportunity for people to gather and talk about the things that are helping or hindering their ability to live a healthy lifestyle. Anyone wanting to strengthen themselves in their recovery from addiction and heal mentally, emotionally, physically, and/or spiritually is welcome to participate. The group meets for a light meal at 5:00 p.m., and then goes to the fireplace in the woods behind the House of Wellness around 6:00 p.m.

The Wellbriety movement is an outgrowth of White Bison's Wellbriety Programs, including such trainings as the Mending Broken Hearts and Warrior Down that have happened here at the HCN Department of Health and the Department of Social Services.

Wellbriety means a clean and sober lifestyle, a balance of mental, physical, emotional and spiritual wellness, being connected to principles, values and the Natural Law, walking the Red Road, and creating a Healing Forest.

Don Coyhis (Mohican), founder of White Bison, Inc. explains, "What is this new term, "Wellbriety"? It means to be both sober and well. It

is a translation into English of a word from the language of the Passamaquoddy Nation of Maine given by an Elder in the mid-1990s.

It means achieving sobriety and abstinence from substance abuse and misuse without stopping there. It means going beyond "clean and sober" by entering a journey of healing and balance - mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

"For many Native Americans, it also means recovering culturally. Return to the culture is a vision embraced by many American Indians as integral with addictions recovery. It signifies a desire to live through the best attributes of traditional Native cultures, while standing firmly on the ground of contemporary life.

"Non-Native recovery approaches often look at addiction as an individual disease, ignoring the social, political, or economic roots of addiction. The indigenous experience adds a dimension of acknowledging sociopolitical causes without removing an individual's need to do the hard work it takes to heal. This is new, culturally specific thinking that can also add to the field of mainstream recovery knowledge."

Coyhis uses the story of the Healing Forest to illustrate the kind of support needed to maintain recovery in all four directions.

The Story of the Healing Forest

Once, a long time ago, there was a forest of about 100 acres. You could tell that it was once a beautiful forest of many different kinds of trees, bushes, rocks, the four-leggeds, the winged, those that crawl on the earth, and those that burrow into the earth. But now it was a sick forest. The trees no longer sang their songs when the winds came to visit. The birds no longer chirped.

One day, a few of the trees got together and talked among themselves. "We know healing is possible," they said. "But we can't heal in this sick forest. We can't heal in our home." So these few trees left one night under the cover

of darkness and went down the road to check themselves into a thirty-day program at a local nursery. While at the nursery they were given all kinds of good foods and good, pure water. They even got to work programs for healing trees like themselves. At the end of the thirty days, they were feeling much better and decided to go back to their home forest.

It wasn't long after being back in the sick forest that the trees that had some good healing began to become sick again. There was sickness all around them. They tried to talk to some of the other sick trees and those trees even managed to convince them that they were the sick ones after all, because they left to


go to the nursery. And so the brave trees became sick once again.

As we begin to heal ourselves one by one, we must also help create a Healing Forest in our own families, communities and neighborhoods. We can't only work on ourselves in isolation because the principle of interconnectedness says "We are all related." To truly heal the individual, we also have to heal the community and the family—otherwise even the individual doesn't stay healed.

~Don Coyhis, "The Red Road to Wellbriety"

The Fireside Talking Circle is intended to begin the process of planting a Healing Forest in the Ho-Chunk Nation.

HO-CHUNK NATION
Department of Health
Division of Behavioral Health



FIRESIDE WELLBRIETY TALKING CIRCLE

An opportunity for people to gather and talk about the things that are helping or hindering their ability to stay clean and sober.

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS


TIME: A light meal will be provided at 5:00 p.m. in the B7 Conference Room (245) with meeting to follow at **6:00 P.M.**

WHERE: BEHIND THE HOUSE OF WELLNESS

WHO: ANYONE WANTING TO STRENGTHEN THEIR RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION OR OTHER MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, OR SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS

House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd., Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 355-1240 Fax: (608) 355-9588

NEW Diabetes Basics classes starting in your area!



Black River Falls: January 14, 2016


Baraboo: January 5, 2016

Wittenberg: January 13, 2016

An assessment needs to be completed prior to starting classes so don't wait!


Please contact Rachel Montana at 715-284-9851 ext 5039

for more information or if you are interested in signing up!




ANNUAL JOURNEY OF HOPE CONFERENCE & YOUTH CONFERENCE!

Location: TBD



SAVE THE DATE:

**OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH
2016**



HO-CHUNK HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM/YOUTH SERVICES

HEALTHY IS A HO-CHUNK TRADITION

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls Diabetes Learning Circles 2016

Date	Topic
January 7	Smoking Cessation
January 21	What is a CSA?
February 4	Heart Health: What Is Heart Disease?
February 18	Heart Health: Reducing Bad Fats in your Diet
March 3	Heart Health: Understanding How Your Heart Works
March 17	Heart Health: Good Nutrition
April 7	Community Member Sharing their Story
April 21	Pallet Gardening
May 5	Virtual Grocery Store Tour
May 19	Caring for Your Teeth
June 2	Aromatherapy
June 16	Community Member Sharing their Story
July 7	Exercise and Aging
July 21	TBD
August 4	Preparing for Your Dr. Visits
August 18	Carbohydrate Counting
September 1	Community Member Sharing their Story
September 15	Hypertension and Health Effects
October 6	Take Charge of Diabetes discussion
October 20	Positive Coping Tools (Dr. Nelson)
November 3	7 Self Care Behaviors for Diabetes
November 17	Behavioral Health: Stress and Holidays
December 1	Cooking Demo
December 15	Diabetes Bingo

The Diabetes Learning Circles is a morning program designed to provide people with an opportunity to meet diabetes team members and receive information regarding diabetes prevention and management.

The program is from 8:30- 9:00 each scheduled day. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or if you have questions contact:
Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335; or
1-888-685-4422, Ext. 5335

Resolve to give blood in January for National Blood Donor Month

This January, during National Blood Donor Month, the American Red Cross encourages people to roll up their sleeves to give blood to help maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients. Since 1970, National Blood Donor Month has been observed in January to not only honor blood and platelet donors, but also to help increase donations during the winter months. Maintaining a sufficient blood supply for patients is difficult at this time of year because extreme winter weather and seasonal illnesses often impact donor turnout. Karla Essmiller became a blood donor in college, but

the importance of giving blood hit home when several family members had medical emergencies. “It only takes once sitting in a hospital, praying that your loved one will live through the day, to know how thankful you are for every single thing done to help them,” she said. “Donating blood is a simple gift that I can make that may help up to three people live another day. That makes me feel like a hero.” The Red Cross encourages eligible donors to resolve to give blood regularly, beginning in January. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types AB,

O, B negative and A negative. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Upcoming blood donation opportunities:
La Crosse County, WI La Crosse
1/5/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., La Crosse Blood Donation Center, 1431 State Hwy. 16
1/12/2016: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m., La Crosse Community Blood Drive at Cary Specialized Services, 3400 Losey Blvd. South

1/12/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., La Crosse Blood Donation Center, 1431 State Hwy. 16
1/13/2016: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., La Crosse Community Blood Drive at Cary Specialized Services, 3400 Losey Blvd. South
1/14/2016: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., La Crosse Community Blood Drive at Cary Specialized Services, 3400 Losey Blvd. South
Langlade County, WI Elcho
1/15/2016: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Elcho High School, N11268 Antigo St.

Lincoln County, WI Tomahawk
1/5/2016: 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somo Ave.
Marathon County, WI Wausau
1/12/2016: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Kocourek Chevrolet, 1500 Morning Glory Lane
Monroe County, WI Cashton
1/8/2016: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Cashton Community Center, 812 Main St.
Tomah
1/7/2016: 10:45 a.m. - 5 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1105 Butts Ave.
Portage County, WI Stevens Point
1/9/2016: 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3201C Main St.
1/15/2016: 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3201C Main St.
Wood County, WI Pittsville
1/11/2016: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Lions Club Building, 5572 Fourth Ave.
Wisconsin Rapids
1/4/2016: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1531 Whitrock Ave.

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.
About the American Red Cross
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Open to all Tribal Members and families and employees of the Nation. There are two Grand Prizes - a bike and a pair of snowshoes. Smaller prizes will be given out too.

Activity Bingo

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone number: _____

Circle one: Employee Tribal Member Both

Challenge runs from January 1 through January 31st. After the 31st, turn in to one of the Exercise Physiologists. Kathleen.Clemons@ho-chunk.com (Black River Falls), Chris.Frederick@ho-chunk.com (Dells, Tomah, La Crosse) or Jessica.Artz@ho-chunk.com (Nekoosa, Wittenberg). Random prize drawings will be held on February 8th. In the space below the explanation of what you are to do, write the date and what you did in each square. IF YOU DO NOT LOG THE DATE AND WHAT YOU DID, YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWINGS. YOU CAN ONLY MARK OFF ONE SQUARE A DAY! NO FREE SPACES WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR HEALTH! THIS IS A BLACKOUT CARD – ALL NEED TO BE COMPLETED.

Any kind of exercise, 10 minutes	Any kind of exercise, 20 minutes	Park your car at the furthest spot at work or while shopping	Any kind of exercise 15 minutes, 2 times in a day	Any kind of exercise 30 minutes
Try some kind of new exercise, your choice, and do for 15 minutes	Any kind of exercise for 30 minutes	Any kind of exercise for 30 minutes	Park your car at the furthest spot at work or while shopping	Any kind of exercise 20 minutes
Any kind of exercise, 10 minutes, 2x in a day	Any kind of exercise 10 minutes on a weekend day	Invite someone to go and exercise with you for 10 minutes, 2 times in a day	Any kind of exercise 15 minutes	Any kind of exercise on a weekend day for 20 minutes
Any kind of exercise, 15 minutes, 2x in a day	Any kind of exercise 30 minutes	Any kind of exercise, for 10 minutes, 3 times in a day	Invite someone to go and exercise with you for 20 minutes, any kind of exercise	Do any kind of exercise for 25 minutes
Invite 2 people to go and exercise with you for 15 minutes – any kind	Any kind of exercise for 25 minutes	Any kind of exercise on a weekend day for 20 minutes	Park your car at the furthest spot either at work or shopping	Any kind of exercise, for 10 minutes, 3 times in a day

What counts as “any kind of exercise?” Walking, running, biking, swimming, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, using exercise equipment like the treadmill. Sports like basketball, soccer, hockey. Any kind of skating, yoga, strength training, group exercise classes, exercise DVDs, chair aerobics, canoeing, kayaking, yard work, snow shoveling or pushing a snow thrower. As long as the manual labor meets the time requirements you can use it. It has to be 10 minutes in continuous duration to count as exercise. You cannot count the following: housework, shopping

It is always a good idea to check with your MD to make sure exercise is safe for you to do. This is a voluntary program.

2015 Year in review

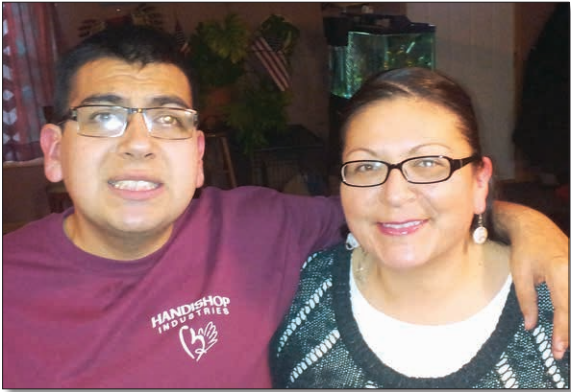
January

Change to allow incompetent members access to own money

In his life, Emerson Little-george would like two things to make him happy: a trip to Canada and a blue four-wheeler.

The problem isn't about money. He has enough money in his trust account. It's just that he can't access the money in his account. Emerson has been labeled as a Ho-Chunk adult incompetent member, therefore, if he wants money from his account, he has to petition the tribal court.

His mother, Felicia Helgeson-Wanna, Tomah, set out to change that system. That's why she presented a resolution before the September 27 General Council meeting. In turn, the Legislature, at its January 6 meeting in Wittenberg, passed that resolution to allow adult incompetent Ho-Chunk members to access their per capita accounts.



Emerson Littlegeorge and Felicia Helgeson-Wanna were the driving forces behind the resolution to change how Ho-Chunk adult incompetent member can access their per cap and trust funds.

Greendeer-Rave recognized for her dedication of help and hope

Michelle Greendeer-Rave has given a lot of her time and legal knowledge in helping people.

For her time and energy helping people with legal issues without charging a dime, she has been inducted into the Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society.

During the presentation of her award, speakers praised Greendeer-Rave for her abilities and dedication toward helping people. Some of those who spoke include Jackson County Judge Anna Becker and Judge Thomas Lister, and Ho-Chunk Chief Justice Jo Deen Lowe.

Lacrosse celebrity Miles Thompson visits the Ho-Chunk Nation

Besides making amazing goals on the lacrosse field, Miles Thompson made it his goal to offer his thanks and friendship to everyone who came to meet him Tuesday, January 20 at the Executive Building in Black River Falls.

Thompson, 24, unquestionably one of the best lacrosse players today, visited with members of the Ho-Chunk Legislature before greeting his fans, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

He was the co-recipient of the 2014 Tewaarton Trophy, which is the lacrosse equivalent of football's Heisman Trophy, with his brother, Lyle. The brothers, along with their cousin, Ty, were known as the "Thompson Trio" on the University at Albany lacrosse field.

Ho-Chunk legal representatives offered peek at Compas

The Ho-Chunk Nation and Jackson County are one step closer to jointly using the system called Compas to aid in the risk and needs of a criminal offender and how to best guide the offender onto the right path.

Jared Hoy, re-entry project manager for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, gave a presentation on Compas to Ho-Chunk Nation and Jackson County legal representatives on Tuesday, January 20, at the Ho-Chunk Trial Court.

"We're applying what we know that works though experience," Hoy said. "County legal systems need the assessment portion of the Web-based program because often their jails are overflowing and they need to know how risky a person is to the public."

February

Man convicted of abduction sentenced to 35 years in prison

The man who abducted Deb Lozano is an "active sociopath" and should have a "post office box on the moon" before he is released into public again, according to Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox.

Fox asked for the maximum sentence of James C. Misleveck before Judge Mark L. Goodman on Wednesday, February 4 at the Monroe County Courthouse in Sparta.

After both prosecution and defense made their statements, Judge Goodman made a statement of his own before handing down a sentence of 35 years in prison for kidnapping, escaping arrest and theft, along with 21 years of supervision and restitution of \$9,606.34.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates for Miller Elementary School playground

The Ho-Chunk Nation recently donated \$50,000 to provide a safer, cleaner play environment in Tomah for children.

The money is part of the Gaming Compact with the State of Wisconsin, which allows the Nation to deduct certain amounts from its annual payment to the State of Wisconsin for public works projects.

The Miller Elementary School "Playground Project" is designed to upgrade outdated equipment and to make the area safe for children. Due to the location of the school, the playground is not only used by Miller Elementary School's 265 students, but also is considered a play area for neighborhood children and their families.

Search for Gene Cloud Jr. continues with retrace of path

Family and friends of Gene Cloud Jr. want to know what happened the night of his disappearance the night of January 25, 2012.

Family and friends gathered near Millston to retrace his route on Friday, January 30, to gain some insight on the developments of that evening and what was done to find him.

Leading the group was Jackson County Chief Deputy Mark Moan.

Traveling by motorcade, Moan showed the group where, in 2012, Cloud had fled from his car and ran from the scene.



Billboards in the area are being suggested to aid in finding Gene Cloud Jr.

Former Badger Ammo land being eyed as grassland restoration project

While plans are moving forward for the 1,553 acres in Sauk County acquired by the Ho-Chunk Nation in December, part of what was known as the former Badger Ammunition Plant, many people are wondering what it can become.

"Some people think the whole Badger parcel is contaminated but that's not the case," said Randy Poelma from the Ho-Chunk Division of Environmental Health. "No contamination of any substance can be found at ground level at this time. Any animal or person will not come into contact with any substance left from the Badger Ammunition Plant."

However, that parcel had several small buildings on it that contained asbestos. The Wisconsin DNR was not eligible for land because it was a state agency, not a federal one, but soon found a way around that stipulation by joining forces with the U.S. Park Service in 2005.

March

Plans set for elk arrival in Jackson County

Twenty-eight elk are due to arrive in Jackson County later this month, all the way from Kentucky.

The plan to eventually have 75 elk trucked in to the area, with an eventual goal of sustaining a herd of 390, calculating population growth over the years.

A Jackson County Elk Restoration Project Open House was held on March 5 in the atrium of the Ho-Chunk Executive Building to explain the process of acquiring the elk and what will happen after they arrive.

Basket makes its way back to Ho-Chunk Nation after 62 years

Annette and Russ Port came to the Executive Building on Monday, March 2, to donate a basket made in 1953 to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Annette father received the basket from a Ho-Chunk woman 62 years ago.

"I'm very happy to be able to donate this basket," Annette said. "I asked my sisters in Milwaukee and North Carolina, and they also were thrilled."



Russ and Annette Port present a handmade basket to Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer. The basket made by a Ho-Chunk woman known as "Big Bertha" and given as a present to Annette's father.

The basket was a gift to her father, Richard "Jay" Webster, from a Ho-Chunk woman. It was given to him while he managed the Badger Village on the former Badger Ordinance Works grounds.

MOU signed for Ho-Chunk child protection

The Ho-Chunk Nation, Jackson County Health and Human Services, and the Black River Falls School District signed a MOU (memorandum of understanding) to ensure all agencies work together when dealing with Ho-Chunk children.

The three agencies have joined together to form the Ho-Chunk Nation Coordinated Services Team.

The MOU Signing Ceremony reflected the importance of collaborative relationships in promoting mutual efforts to strengthen Ho-Chunk children and families, according to Desiree Gearing-Lancaster, program manager of the



Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer signs the Memorandum of Understanding while Beth Smetana of Jackson County Health and Human Services and Shelly Severson of the Black River Falls School District await their turns.

Child and Family Services Division at Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

"The Ho-Chunk Nation Coordinated Services Team Program was named 'Wazokina Womasak' – 'Strengthening Ourselves by Strengthening our Families.' The 'teaming' process focuses on the child and family, the in-

formal support system as identified by the child and family, family and kinship networks and the formal supports,” Gearing-Lancaster said.

Two potential District 4 candidates challenge Election Board decision

There have been two challenges to Ho-Chunk Election Board decisions concerning the February 28 General Primary Election filed in Ho-Chunk Trial Court.

The two cases are John Contreras versus Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, and Valerie Kempen versus Bridgette Schulz, in her official capacity as chairperson of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board and the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, according to Noah Lentz, law clerk/staff attorney for the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court.

“Both cases were initiated by people seeking to be candidates for the District 4 legislative election. However, besides the fact that they happened to be running for the same district and were both denied from being placed on the ballot, Contreras’s and Kempen’s cases are not related,” Lentz said.

April Groundbreaking ceremony begins new Ho-Chunk Madison Community Center

With a simple fling of the shovel, the process has begun to construct a new Ho-Chunk Madison Area Branch office, built not only with concrete and wood, but with the bonds of the community.

Sunny skies shown upon the attendees of the groundbreaking ceremony, held on Friday, April 10, at the new site of the center on Tradewinds Parkway, close to the intersection of Highway 51 (Stoughton Road) and Highway 18 (West Beltline) in Madison.

The facility will be home to a Tribal Aging Unit, Youth Services, medical and dental transportation, Housing Assistance, Clothing Assistance, Emergency Assistance, a computer lab and a place for area meetings.

“This is our land. These are the lands our ancestors walked. They are here throughout this area,” Whiteagle said.

Betty Kingsley honored with retirement party

Social work has always been Betty Kingsley’s passion in life. Having worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation in that field since 1987, she has decided that maybe a break is in order and has decided to retire.

Friday, April 10, was her last day with Ho-Chunk Social Services as Adult Prevention Specialist, celebrated with a going away party provided by the Ho-Chunk Social Services staff in Black River Falls.

Betty explained how she began in the social services field back in the late 1970s. She and three other people were part of a job training program in Arkansas and she was responsible for one-third of the state.

Two Ho-Chunk law enforcement students graduate from Western Tech

With a graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 16, Brandon LaMere and Nicole Thunder have embarked on new journeys in their lives.

They graduated from Police Academy training at Western Technical College (WTC), an achievement marked with a ceremony at the Lunda Center at the WTC Campus in La Crosse.

For Brandon, his interest in Law Enforcement begins and ends with his love for dogs. Some people might not understand the connection between dogs and police work, but it makes perfect sense, he said.

“I went to the Police Academy because I have a long-term goal of being a K-9 handler in law enforcement,” he said. “It’s a great value for law enforcement and for the community. Plus, I am from the Bear Clan, which is a protector, so it fits right in with my thoughts.”

May Winneshiek hopes to make difference in communities as officer

Brandon Winneshiek is on the beat – where he wants to be. He’s a law enforcement officer with the Ho-Chunk Nation, making sure the communities are safe.

Brandon recently graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Chipewewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire. The graduation ceremony was Friday, April 17.

“It’s something I’ve always thought about,” he said. “I was in the Marine Corps and a majority of my friends are in law enforcement.”

His training in the Marines are a big help in his new job. “I have to make split-second decisions,” he said. “And the training I received in the Marine Corps is clicking.”

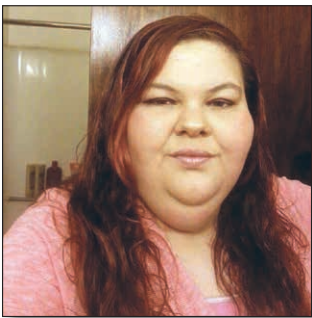
Group Visits allow diabetes discussions to benefit everyone

Every three months, the same group of people gather in the Alberta Day Conference Room of the House of Wellness in Baraboo.

Their conditions are different, but they all have diabetes. Often they share similar afflictions and can benefit from discussing problems and possible treatment coping strategies.

That’s why they meet – patients, doctors, dieticians and nurses all in the same room. The events are termed “Group Visits.”

The meeting on May 22 marked the group’s three-year anniversary. The group has met 12 times in that period, with a few members dropping out and a few joining.



Jacinda Muir

Ho-Chunk woman murdered at pet park

John Cook and Jacinda Muir had planned to go to the local pet park to talk and they walked around the rural, wooded area together before the trip took a violent turn.

Cook thought he was “just going to beat her up” in the woods, but an argument quickly ended when the 23-year-old fatally stabbed Muir multiple times in her torso and neck with a large knife, according to the criminal complaint filed Friday in Jackson County Circuit Court.

Cook now is formally charged with first-degree intentional homicide in connection with Muir’s Sunday death. The 30-year-old Black River Falls woman’s body was discovered facedown and bleeding about 11 a.m. at the town of Brockway area commonly known as “the dog park.”

Belt from generations ago makes it back to Hopinkah family

William Hopinkah Sr. never expected to see something from his great grandfather show up at his doorstep. But it did, a belt coming from his son in Texas, who got it from a man in Oregon.

Now it is proudly displayed in a framed case in his home. The belt is made of thousands of tiny beads – 35,000 of them, Hopinkah said. It was made in 1899, which is displayed in beads on the belt.

Gill told him he had a belt that he believed belonged to his ancestor. When he saw his name on Facebook, it rang a bell and he remembered he had a belt with the name William Hopinkah on it.

June General Election results in change of president and two legislator positions

The results of the June 2 General Election have been made available, showing that Wilfrid Cleveland will be the next Ho-Chunk Nation president, defeating challenger Robert Two Bears with a 20 percent margin.

For the District 1 Seat 2 legislator position, challenger Douglas Greengrass came away with the victory over incumbent Susan Waukon, 223 to 188.

For the District 3 Seat 1 legislator position, challenger Kathy DeCamp took the top votes, 150 to 129, over incumbent Heather Cloud, a difference of 21 votes.

For the District 4 Seat 2 legislator position, incumbent Shelby Visintin received the most votes, 79 to 55, over challenger Muriel Whiteagle-Lee.

Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial gets reboot with Wasira Show

Years ago, the Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial drew tourists to Wisconsin Dells from hundreds of miles around.

“There is a pent-up demand for Native American culture and traditions that hasn’t been met by any of the tribes in the state,” said Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells Executive Manager James Webster. “Wisconsin Dells is unique in the state in that it has four to five million tourists coming to visit every year, many of them who remember the Ho-Chunk presence in the Dells.”

To bring back that event from the past, in an attempt to fill that need, an event has been created that is called the “Wasira Show,” a cultural dance that is held from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells Hotel atrium.



Male Head Dancer Kelly Logan leads the procession of dancers during the Snake Dance.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony held for new Veteran Supportive Housing

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Veteran Supportive Housing unit on Thursday, June 18, officially opened the doors for veterans to have a roof over their heads and the support they need to get through the difficult times.

“This is one of the most important things done in the last few years,” said Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer. “This is one of the only times I’ve been part of both the groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting.”

The housing arrangement is a unique in the fact that residents can receive in-house services, such as healthcare, mental healthcare, TERO, Life Skills, treatment for PTSD, and anything else to make life more livable, Greendeer said.



Jim Greendeer (center) is granted the honor of officially cutting the ribbon to the new Veteran Supportive Housing facility.

Departments asked for input in upcoming Ho-Chunk census

The process of conducting a new Ho-Chunk census is a little closer to being launched later this year.

Kevin Klingbeil, managing director of Big Water Consulting, came to the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building on Monday, June 8, to discuss the upcoming census and hear from department directors about what they would like to see on the census forms.

Ho-Chunk Nation department managers have been asked to become involved because certain information is needed for a particular department so that specific needs can be met.

“The last completed census was 20 years ago,” said Pine Giroux, one the leaders of the census in the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Department. “The Ho-Chunk Constitution mandates that we conduct a census every 10 years. There was one attempt 10 years ago, but that failed.”

July

Ceremony marks the transfer of Badger property to the Ho-Chunk Nation

Tents and many people filled a spot that once was tall grass just the day before. It was a celebration, as many members of the Nation, as well as the community, came out to look to the future of a land that was returned to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

On Friday, June 26, the Ho-Chunk Nation celebrated the transfer of 1,553 acres of the property from the federal government to the Nation.

The Badger Ammunition Plant was the biggest munitions factory in the world during World War II and also used during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The land the plant stands on used to be owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation, and in 1988, the Ho-Chunk filed a claim to gain back a portion of the land.



Badger property returned to Ho-Chunk Nation.

Waksik Maa Community Center in Mauston begins with groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Waksik Maa Community Center near Mauston, was held on Tuesday, June 30.

Jeff Hendricks, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development director, said the plans had just been approved and they have gone out for the 30-day contractor bidding period.

“We hope to have it finished a year from this month,” Hendricks said.

Neil Whitegull, HHCA project manager, said the person who set things in motion, who made the motion in Legislature, was Hope Smith. The motion was to use Indian Housing dollars along Ho-Chunk Nation dollars for this. Vice President Heather Cloud supported the cause and last year made the motion to add dollars to the project.

Family Wellness Retreat speakers focus on good choices and the power of positive thinking

The annual Family Wellness Retreat again was held at the Champion Resort in Galesville, where it was held for the first time last year. It was held from Wednesday, July 22, through Thursday, July 23.

This year, 311 people attended the event, according to Jackie Moen- Kadlec of Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services. Each year, the organizing staff selects activities and speakers who will give inspiration to the participants and to promote good, healthy family activities.

Main speakers for the adult session included Lani Blackdeer, whose daughter, Louella, was killed in an accident by a drunk driver; and Tamara Oman and Melissa Christensen, two women who served time in prison and have turned her lives around.

Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. mural unveiled

The Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. mural was unveiled on Saturday, July 4, at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow Wow Grounds.

Members of the Color Guard began the ceremony, with speakers telling about the significance of the occasion. Present was the artist of the mural, Susan Sampson.

Plans are to permanently display the mural at the Jackson County Historical Society Building in downtown Black River Falls.

Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. was a Marine in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, and later a soldier in the United States Army during the Korean War. Corporal Red Cloud posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions near Chonghyon, North Pyongan Province, North Korea on November 5, 1950.



Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. descendant Josephine Cleveland (left) stands with Sandra Winneshiek, Donald Greengrass, Cindy and Susan Sampson, Marcus Carriaga, Tina Warner, Richard Snake and Matthew Carriaga.

August

For the Prices, BP Smokehouse is an extension of their love of sharing food

Darren and Myra Jo Price have an appetite for what they do – serving others through offering people their food.

That’s why they decided to open a new restaurant, the BP Smokehouse in Tomah.

“If it is your passion – it will work. If you love what you’re doing, it will come,” Darren said.

Darren retired from the Wisconsin State Patrol on January 1 this year and officially opened the restaurant on June 29.

Renovations to transform the look and feel of the Ho-Chunk Nation campground

The Ho-Chunk Nation’s only campground, near Lyndon Station, is receiving a facelift - one that will bring in more customers and keep them happy.

The Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground, formerly known as Crockett’s Resort, has many changes planned for this year.

“We’re updating and cleaning up,” said Michelle DeCora, retail operations manager. “We’re moving ahead full tilt.”

Among the many changes is the recreational area. The mini-golf course is being reconstructed, adding new turf and other odds and ends to make the game more enjoyable, she said.



The new Tomah Youth Services building will give children the chance to grow and lean in a spacious, clean environment.

A grand opening of the new building was held Friday, August 21, allowed the public to celebrate the new place for the benefit of the youth.

The previous Tomah Youth Center, sometimes referred to “Bat Hall” because of the vermin inside, was part of the Veterans Services buildings near the Veterans Administration Clinic in Tomah. The building was built during the World War II era and has seen better days.

The grand opening allowed visitors to take a tour of the facility, at 430 Julie Street, to partake of a meal and to attend the ceremony in the gym of the facility. The building holds many classrooms, a kitchen, offices and a large exercise room, which is open to the public.

Three students earn their wings from Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy

Three Ho-Chunk youth were honored at a recent graduation ceremony of the Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy.

Reyna Brinegar, Lorena Brinegar, and Jonathan Thomas received their diplomas and congratulatory gifts for completing the golf lessons during the season. The graduation ceremony was held on Thursday, August 20, at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo.

The Academy was created on the belief that adults need to give the youth opportunities to expand their dreams and experiences. Youth can achieve their goals in life with a desire to learn and take on challenges.

September

Marijuana, agriculture, veterans and nature addressed at General Council meeting

The annual General Council meeting on September 19, held at the Alliance Energy Center in Madison, addressed nine resolutions brought forward by tribal members.

The resolutions that passed are first sent to the Attorney General for opinion. Following that the Legislative Attorney as well as the Attorney for the General Council submit their opinions, according to Joy Thompson of the General Council Agency.

At the General Council meeting, one of the most debated and contentious resolutions at the General Council meeting was a proposal to grow and process marijuana on tribal land. The resolution passed 63 percent (1,013 votes) for the resolution to 33.9 percent (544 votes) against and 3.1 percent (50) abstaining.

‘Taking Back Our Communities’ examines what it takes for a better society

A panel of experts in the field of dealing with people with drug issues took to the stage Tuesday evening, September 8, to offer their advice as part of the “Taking Back Our Communities” event, sponsored by the Family Services Program with Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has put the community in a state of emergency because of the number of babies being born addicted to illegal drugs because their mothers are drug users, she said.



Betty Kingsley posted her opinion that she is against any involvement of the Ho-Chunk Nation in legalizing marijuana on tribal lands.

“The main message is that it’s going to take the whole community to fight this epidemic of drugs and gangs,” said Life Skills Coordinator Curtis Redbird with Ho-Chunk Social Services. “This is a community crisis.”

Peggy Sanborn, creator of The SHELBY Project, told her story of how she lost her daughter due to a drug overdose.

Baskets stands along Highway 12 provided a living for many

Decades ago, when times were tough, people made a living any way they could, often looking for niches to fulfill a need.

During those times, many Ho-Chunk people used their craft-making abilities to make black ash baskets and sell them at roadside stands.

For Sandy Martin, she remembers when she was 8 to 10 years old and she spent her summers with her grandparents, Ed and Mamie Funmaker, in their wigwam.

Part of the experience of staying with them was helping to sell baskets at their stand along Highway 12 south of Merrillan. Her grandmother made many of the baskets.

Skenandore sworn in as Associate Supreme Court Justice

Samantha Skenandore was sworn in as Associate Supreme Court Justice at a special ceremony at the Executive Building atrium on Wednesday, September 23.

Skenandore has been a practicing attorney since 2006, spending 110 to 200 hours a month performing research and working on cases.

“I have been privileged to work in private practice,” she said. “It will help me bring in a perspective from an outside arena.”

She believes the Ho-Chunk Nation has a good precedence of giving clear explanations and reasoning in the decisions brought before the court.

October

Ho-Chunk Nation sponsors Badger Honor Flight, sends 88 veterans to Washington D.C.

The group of 88 veterans, four World War II veterans, 81 Korean War veterans, and three who served in both the Korean War and Vietnam War, took off from Dane County Airport in Madison for the journey, but not before a 5 a.m. send-off ceremony.

The Ho-Chunk Nation was a sponsor for the flight, donating \$22,500 for the cause. This is the fourth year in a row the Ho-Chunk Nation has sponsored a flight. Each of the veterans and guardians on the flight received a jacket with the Ho-Chunk Nation seal sewn on the upper chest area. Also, each veteran received a souvenir gift bag upon the return.

One Ho-Chunk veteran, George Stacy Sr. was among those that was aboard the flight and visited the memorials that day. He was accompanied by his son, George Stacy Jr., who served as guardian. George Sr. is a Korea veteran and George Jr. served in Panama.



George Stacy Sr. receives a hero’s reception during the ‘Welcome Home’ ceremony at Dane County Airport in Madison. He is being escorted down the aisle by his son, George Stacy Jr.

TERO repealed by combined effort of Office of President, Legislature

The Ho-Chunk Legislature voted to repeal the Tribal Employment Right Ordinance (TERO).

It was the first time the Ho-Chunk Nation has repealed an ordinance and the first time the Office of the President and the Legislature have combined for a change to the law.

That act of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has some Ho-Chunk members upset and wondering what will come next with a program originally designed to help Native Americans obtain work.

“I am very disappointed in the decision that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and Office of the President made at last week’s Legislative meeting in regards to repealing the TERO Ordinance Law,” said Angela Ward, interim TERO Director.

Crisis training part of Tribal Judges Association meeting

Staff at the Ho-Chunk Tribal Court are hoping to be prepared for any crisis, especially those incidents that threaten their safety.

They received a training in knowing what to do and how to react when people become violent.

Participants from all over the state, which included tribal judges, clerk, reporters and staff involved in the judicial system, were offered a training that would help keep them safe in a courtroom environment. It was held at the Ho-Chunk Tribal Court Building on Thursday, October 22.

They told of how staff at courthouses have learned to remain safe despite the potential for violence, given the nature of the profession.

Miller Elementary cuts ribbon for new playground

A local elementary school is celebrating a safer place for children to play.

School officials and donors cut the ribbon on a new playground at Miller Elementary School, Tomah, on Tuesday, October 20.

The playground replaces older equipment that was more than 20 years old and was considered a safety hazard for children.

The school’s PTO started raising money for the project more than a year ago, with the Ho-Chunk Nation donating \$50,000 toward the renovation. Representing the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature at the ribbon-cutting ceremony was Lorinda Bird and Lynette LeGarde.

November

Puent awarded Area Director’s Award for Excellence

Ruth Puent knew at an early age that she would be involved with improving people’s health.

She was always interested in the health field. Having grown up in a large family, with many brothers and sisters, her parents and grandparents, she cared for their illnesses, plus tended to the sick and injured animals she came across.

Because of that dedication to improving people’s lives, Puent was awarded the Area Director’s Award for Excellence by the Indian Health Service.

Ho-Chunk Census ready for kickoff in December

On December 7, the Ho-Chunk Census online version will become active, ready and willing to count people and all their associated household aspects.

Ho-Chunk members will be receiving information in the mail on how to complete the census survey. A link to the census is on the Ho-Chunk Nation web site at www.Ho-ChunkNation.com/census and a clickable link will soon be available to connect with the actual survey.

The census is important so that the Ho-Chunk Nation has accurate data on the Ho-Chunk population. That data is used for various programs and when applying for grants.



The Ho-Chunk Nation Census will begin with the Planning Department coordinating the event. Members of the department making it possible are Pine Giroux, Angie Greengrass McDonald and Heather Rebedew. Greengrass is holding the 1994-95 census report, which is the last time a Ho-Chunk census was conducted.

Funmaker files lawsuit against Ho-Chunk Legislature for inaction

Too much time had passed and nothing had been done, said Ho-Chunk member and veteran Gary Funmaker.

Funmaker filed a lawsuit against the Ho-Chunk Legislature on October 18 for that very reason. According to Funmaker, the General Council gave directives by way of resolutions to the Legislature, but the Legislature has failed to act.

Funmaker represented himself in Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court on November 19 to contest that the Legislature has not acted upon 165 resolutions that have been passed by General Council. In particular, Funmaker was interested in the resolution, passed by General Council on September 27, 2014, that immediately sell Chicago properties known as Southland.

The session was a motion hearing, with Murphy filing for the court to dismiss the case based on a lack of waiver of sovereign immunity, meaning the Legislature could not be sued because of immunity provided to them by the Ho-Chunk Constitution.

December

Legislature give nod for clean energy grant

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, in an effort to become more energy independent and lower the Nation’s carbon footprint, voted to move forward with the pursuit of a grant to produce compressed natural gas as an alternative to fossil-based fuel.

The central focus of the energy project is an anaerobic digester that could convert organic waste material into natural gas, which would then be compressed for transportation fuel or possibly in homes heating fuel.

If the \$1 million grant is awarded, it would require a matching amount of \$1 million from the Ho-Chunk Nation. It passed with six votes in favor, three votes against and two votes in abstention.

If the Nation should be awarded the grant and move forward with the project, it will create at least five good-paying jobs and provide compressed natural gas for the Nation’s fleet and possibly for the public for purchase.

New Tomah fire truck dedicated to former Fire Chief Decorah

The Tomah Fire Department members thought it was fitting to honor former Fire Chief Kevin Decorah for the more-than 13 years of service to the department.

For that reason, they dedicated the new Incident Command Center truck in Decorah’s name on Thursday, December 3, at the North Side Fire Station in Tomah.

A metal plaque was ordered to be placed on the side of the new truck, however, it was not ready at the time of the dedication ceremony. Instead the inscription was on paper and was on display at the dedication.

“I was very surprised and humbled. It is a great honor,” Decorah said at the event.



Former Tomah Fire Chief Kevin Decorah (right) receives congratulations from current Fire Chief Tim Adler during a ceremony to dedicate the new Incident Command Center truck to Decorah for his years of service.

More children to receive gifts through Hocak Woga

Hocak Woga is off to a great start this year, doubling the number of children receiving gifts.

Hocak Woga is an annual Christmas gift program offered to youth who are working with the services offered by Children and Family Services Division of Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

“Last year we had around 100 children on our list to receive presents,” said CFS Director Valerie Blackdeer. “This year we have 203.”

The reason for the increase is that more children are being helped through the Resource Center, which has added many programs available, she said. It’s the former juvenile justice system, now adding other dimensions by the coordinated services team.

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Message from new interim Staff Writer AJ Cloud

Greetings Readers of the Hocak Worak! First, I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and an amazing upcoming 2016! I am very excited and happy at the opportunity to bring you news in and around Ho-Chunk Country. I grew up in Black River Falls, Wisconsin and have lived in different places in and out of the United States. I am so glad to be home and to be starting this writing adventure with all of you.

I graduated from Black River Falls High School in 2002. After high school I went onto attend the University of La Crosse (UW-L). I graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in a double major consisting of Political Science and Communication Studies—with emphases in Public Relations and Organizational Communication. Three years after I would return to UW-L to continue my education. In 2012, I received my Master’s in Education.

I come from a “ginormous” family, like all Ho-Chunks do. I am the eldest of eight and have a single mother whom I am very proud of, she is continuing her own education. She is enrolled in Madison

Area Technical Colleges’ Recreation Management program and should be set to graduate next year. Along with my brothers and sisters, I have many nieces and nephews and I call all of them my babies because well, that’s who they are to me.

My mom is Shelley Thundercloud, my grandparents are Lawrence and the late Edith (Pettibone) Thundercloud. My great-grandparents are Daniel Alec Thundercloud, Lydia Lowe, Peter and Lucy (Green-grass) Pettibone.

Other things about me, my Ho-Chunk name is Niizuwinga and it was given to me by my late coka Eugene Thundercloud. In my spare time I shoot a decent game of billiards, but by no means am I a shark, I also enjoy playing cards with my Blackdeer crew (they know who they are), and my favorite place in all of Wisconsin is Miller Park. Go Brew!

Lastly, if you have a story or upcoming event you think should be covered by the newsletter, I encourage you to contact us! I love traveling and I would absolutely enjoy meeting you.

Let’s Bead!



Beading Classes Have Begun!

Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm

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Dolores Greendeer makes a card of herself in conjunction with the Ho-Chunk Census Kickoff celebration on Thursday, December 17, in the Executive Building atrium. The Census is now underway and participants can complete the survey online.

ATTENTION

2015 Tax Document Information that may affect you

Greetings to all,
Please review the check lists below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

HCN Employees:

- ☐ If your withholding allowances have changed, you will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 for 2016. These forms are available on www.ho-chunknation.com under Treasury.
- ☐ If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your Wisconsin state form WT-4 for 2015, you are required to complete a new form for 2016.
- ☐ Check the address that is printed on your latest payroll check or direct deposit advice. This is the address that is in the payroll system and to which your W-2 will be mailed in mid-January 2016. **Be sure to update your address with your supervisor or the Personnel Department, prior to the end of 2015, if it has changed.**

HCN Tribal Members:

- ☐ If your withholding allowances have changed, you will need to complete a new withholding form. These forms are available in the Enrollment Office.
- ☐ Check the address that is printed on your latest per capita check or direct deposit advice. This is the address that is in the per cap system and to which your 1099-MISC form will be mailed in mid-January 2016. **Be sure to update your address with the Enrollment Office, prior to the end of 2015, if it has changed.**



It is very important to make sure your current address is printed on your payroll check, per capita check, or direct deposit advice.

Reprints for W-2s and/or 1099-MISC forms are \$5.00 each.

Contact: HCN Treasury Department; payroll help line (800) 294-9343 ext 1240, tobpayroll.help@ho-chunk.com
HCN Personnel Department; (800) 232-0086, ext 1208 or 1105; tobpersonnel@ho-chunk.com
HCN Enrollment Office; (715) 284-7824, ext 1012 or 1009;

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Veterans Supportive Housing Bldg
W8699 Sandpillow Rd – Black River Falls
Saturday January 30, 2016
10:00 am

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Determination of Quorum
- IV. Opening Prayer
 - a. Introductions
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of minutes
 - a. Minutes from September 25, 2015
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Elect a Chair
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Emergency Relief Fund
 - b. Flags
 - c. Executive Dept of Veterans Affairs - Update
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Other
- XI. Next Meeting Date/location
- XII. Adjournment

The Division of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Advisory Board meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Act. **Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. **This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership. EOPUB12302015**

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
BLACKDEER, Anakin D	02/09/2002	¼	Blackdeer Chau Zap Kah 1881-0174	Non-Native	Tara Lee Blackdeer
BLACKDEER, Deanamarie Jean	02/11/2013	¼	Blackdeer Chau Zap Kah 1881-0174	Dustin Jay Blackdeer	Non-Native
BLACKHAWK-LONG, Mason Anthony	03/13/2013	3/8	Nathaniel John Henry-Long Ha Xep Ki De Naw Kah 1901-01171	Nathaniel Henry Long, Jr.	Kelly Jean Blackhawk
BOWLING, Evelynn Nicole	09/05/2013	¼	George Funmaker, Sr. Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881-00328	Joseph Wylie Bowling	NON-Native
CARTER, Zoe Alacia	02/01/2011	3/8	Thundercloud (aka Moheek) Ma Zhee Wee Kah 1881-00149	Non-Native	Lacy Lynn Orozco
CLIMER, Violet Evelyn Yellow Feather	01/09/2011	7/16	Frank Yellow Feather Climer Mau Shu Zee Kah 1901-1380	John Edward Climer	Corinna Marie Climer
DAVIS, Makayla Tanea	02/01/2012	¼	George Funmaker, Sr. Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881-00328	Eric Brazil Davis	Non-Native
HAAPALA, Linda May	10/17/2013	3/8	Peter Pettibone, Sr. Monk Shootch Kah 1881-0582	Non-Native	Clarissa Ann Pettibone
MARIN, Eric Denver Dolbier	05/20/2013	¼	CONFIDENTIAL	Torek Denver Dolbier	NON-Member
PIDGEON, Colton James	12/19/2015	¼	John Pigeon He Cho Kah 1901-1260	Jarod Daniel Pidgeon	NON-Member
PRICE, Kason Cleveland	01/14/2014	¼	CONFIDENTIAL	NON-Native	Amber Dorees Price
QUINTANILLA, Izaiah Chance	09/12/2009	¼	Edward Greengrass Che Win Che Kay Ray He Kah 1881-00281	NON-Native	Sylvia Lindsey Casarez
ROSE, Kayla Nicole	06/27/1997	¼	CONFIDENTIAL	David Jason-Jay Rose	NON-Native
SMITH, Sunny Lynn	01/13/2012	47/64	Charles Carl Smith Cha E Nee Kee Kaw N-1910-00013	Mitchell Christian Smith	Christine Marie Crow
SWALLOW, Azrielle Brendi	08/13/2004	5/8	Frank Swallow Hump E Roo Con E Kah 1881-00290	Troy Ellsworth Swallow	Tara Lee Blackdeer
THUNDERCLOUD, Maxwell Emanuel	04/15/2015	¼	Moheek Thundercloud Ma Zhee We Kah 1881-00149	Cecil Emanuel Thundercloud	NON-Native
VALDEZ, Honor Blair	09/10/2009	¼	Ray Goodbear Do Sha Na Ska Kah 1901-00083	NON-Native	Kelly Jean Goodbear
VASQUEZ, Fawn	04/04/2015	¼	Amos Wallace Wee Kah 1901-01151	NON-Native	Keisha Marie Vasquez



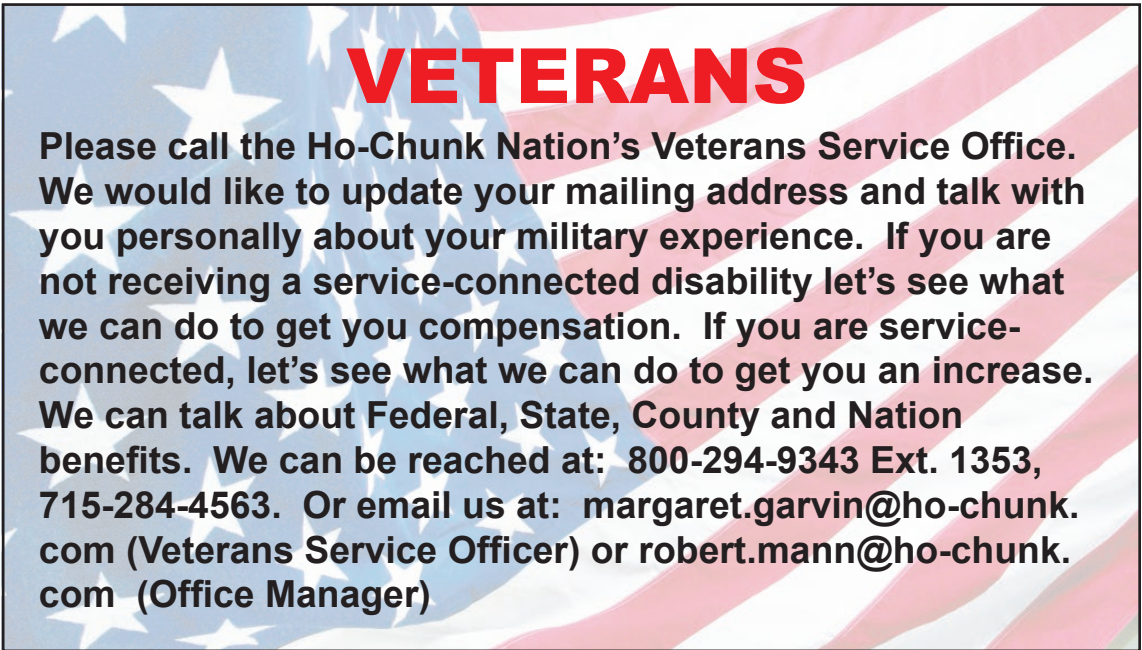
The Home Buyer Education Class originally scheduled for Saturday, December 19th 2015 has been

Re-scheduled

for Saturday January 16th 2016 for St. Paul, Minn.

Any questions please contact:
Elaina.cloud2@ho-chunk.com

December 15, 2015



VETERANS

Please call the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Veterans Service Office. We would like to update your mailing address and talk with you personally about your military experience. If you are not receiving a service-connected disability let’s see what we can do to get you compensation. If you are service-connected, let’s see what we can do to get you an increase. We can talk about Federal, State, County and Nation benefits. We can be reached at: 800-294-9343 Ext. 1353, 715-284-4563. Or email us at: margaret.garvin@ho-chunk.com (Veterans Service Officer) or robert.mann@ho-chunk.com (Office Manager)

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Rusty S. Culver, Petitioner, v. Vanity S. Hutton, Respondent.

Case : CS 15-78

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Vanity S. Hutton

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.



Monroe County Personnel Department
14345 County Highway B, Room 3, Sparta, WI 54656-4509
(608) 269-8719

Listed below are current vacancies that the Monroe County Personnel Department will accept applications for. If you know anyone who may be interested in any of these positions, please have them contact the Personnel Department to receive the appropriate materials to apply for the position. If no deadlines are listed, the position will remain open until filled.

Monroe County Vacancies	Dog Pound Assistant Department: Sanitation, Planning, Zoning & Dog Control On-Call Position Hiring Salary: \$8.00/hr. Deadline: Open until filled	Licensed Practical Nurse Part-time (weekend shifts) and On-call Minimum Salary: \$13.48/hr. plus shift differentials
WIC Health Screener/Office Clerk I Department: Health Department Part Time (1st & 3rd week 32 hrs./wk., 2nd & 4th 24 hrs./wk.) Hiring Salary Range: \$11.19-\$14.00/hr. Deadline: Monday, January 4th	Volunteer Driver Department: Senior Services Volunteer with reimbursement of \$0.53/mile.	Certified Nursing Assistant Full-time, Part-time, and On-Call Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request
On-Call Driver Department: Senior Services On-Call Position Hiring Salary: \$9.12/hr. + mileage reimbursement Deadline: Open until filled	Rolling Hills Nursing Home is accepting applications for the following:	Dietary Cook & Dietary Aide/Cook Full-Time and Part-Time Available Minimum Salary: \$10.00/hr.
On-Call Transport Officer Department: Sheriff Department On-Call Position Hiring Salary: \$11.98/hr. Deadline: Open until filled	Registered Nurse Part-time Salary varies based on experience – More details available upon request	Student Dietary Aide On-Call Minimum Salary: \$7.25/hr. (Must be a full-time student and be at least 16 years old, up to the age of 25)



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